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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF STATEMENT BY THE GERMAN DELEGATE

ON

ATTEMPTED DIVERSION OF TURKISH BORACITE

24th March 1960

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,
Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Doc. 3468 and 3870 and Sub-C(59)2.

The Delegate referred to the abovementioned documents and in particular to the Memorandum submitted by the United Kingdom Delegation on the 9th February, 1960 (COCOM Doc. 3870) concerning an attempted diversion of Turkish boracite.

The investigations carried out by the competent German authorities had showed that the German control regulations had not been contravened in the above-mentioned transaction. It was true that the non-German chartering agency's contract and a secret covering contract concerning the port of final destination of the cargoship "Martha" were signed at Frankfort on the Main by the Greek buyer without the German authorities being informed. This buyer had no residence in Frankfort, however, and his firm was not entered in the German Registry of Commerce nor registered with the commercial police authorities.

The competent German authorities were moreover anxious to learn of the circumstances which, during the enquiry undertaken by the Greek and Turkish authorities, had led them to suspect that the German export control regulations had been contravened.

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